

School of Public Policy and Administration

NEWSLETTER

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Meet some of our SPPA Undergrads!

To read more about our students, their SPPA journeys, and submit your own profile please click [here!](#)



Milena Basciano

**4th Year Bachelor of Public Administration,
Specializing in Policy Analysis**

“My sole piece of advice for students is to get involved. I will always treasure the relationships that I have established with the students, alumni, and faculty in our community. It is an honour to be a part of such a wonderful family, and I look forward to doing so forever.”



Japneet Kaur

**4th Year Bachelor of Business Administration
w/ Professional Certificate in Public Policy
Analysis**

“My experience with the School of Public Policy and Administration has been very inspirational. From the various courses I have taken toward completing my certificate, I have deepened my research, analysis, and critical thinking skills that are transferable to real-world policy making procedures.”



Grizzel Calida

**4th Year Law and Society w/ Professional
Certificate in Public Administration and Law**

“It’s been an honour meeting the SPPA professors and faculty, alumni, students, and PPASA members who are some of the most creative, incredible, bright people I have ever had the pleasure to meet. Everyone welcomes you and guides you with open arms, that the school feels like a second family.”



Kashish Babbar

**Third-Year Bachelor of Public Administration
(BPA) Honours**

“The School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) acquainted me with a limitless number of career paths – with which I saw the overlap between law and politics in public and private sectors. A good grasp of public and private sectors gave me perspective and appreciation for how complex the government is.”

Black Representation in the Public Service

Black History Month Event: “Save the date” and [RSVP here!](#)

Learn from Black students, alumni and working professionals in the public sector! Come Celebrate Black excellence: together we can make a positive impact.

Brought to you by the Public Policy and Administration Student Association ([PPASA](#))

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 6pm – 8pm, 157 McLaughlin College, York University, Keele Campus

The poster is set against a black background with colorful geometric shapes in the corners. It features logos for SPPA and York University at the top left. The main title is 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH' in a stylized font. Below it, the event title 'BLACK REPRESENTATION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE' is prominently displayed. The text describes the event's purpose and provides location, date, and time. A 'GUEST SPEAKERS' section lists six individuals with their photos and roles. At the bottom, there is a link to the PPASA Linktree page.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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LOCATION: 157 MCLAUGHLIN COLLEGE, YORK UNIVERSITY, KEELE CAMPUS
DATE AND TIME: FEBRUARY 16, 2023 6-8PM

RSVP HERE: [TINYURL.COM/SPPABHM](https://tinyurl.com/SPPABHM)

GUEST SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
ASARE KOSTER-
AKROFI

PANELIST:
NYARAI
CHIDEMO

PANELIST:
FADZI
MCCONNELL

PANELIST:
UDOKA
ACHILIKE

PANELIST:
JADE WILLIAMS

PANELIST:
AMUNA BARAKA-
CLARKE

MORE ON THE PPASA: [LINKTREE/PPASA](#)

Bridging the Gap between the Public and Private Industries

Thursday February 9, 2023: 'Save the date' and [RSVP here!](#)

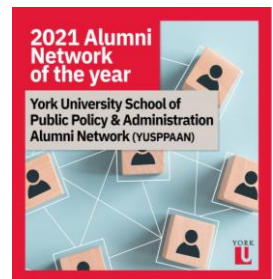
Register to learn about cross-overs between the sectors, different career paths, internship programs, leadership and learning strategies and how to pivot your career to the private or non-profit sectors.

Brought to you by,
York University School of Public Policy and Administration Alumni Network ([YUSPPAAN](#))

Thursday, February 9, 2023

6:00-8:00pm


Location: Virtually via Zoom



YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION ALUMNI NETWORK PRESENT...


BRIDGING THE GAP

Register to learn about cross-overs between the sectors, different career paths, internship programs, leadership and learning strategies and how to pivot your career to the private or non-profit sectors




Policy Analyst,
College of Nurses of Ontario.

Andrew Tapp



Intermediate Privacy Risk
Analyst at Valencia

Sukhpreet Singh




President and Founder
Bstellar@Group Inc.

Stacey Ann Berry

Thursday, February 9, 2023
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Registration :
Virtual Only
tinyurl.com/bridgingthegap2023

Moderated by



Gurkamal Dhahan

McLaughlin College Community Forum

All **McLaughlin College community members** are invited to get involved! Let's collaborate. Share your ideas for enhancing our college community.

Virtual Event! February 8, 2023, 12pm-1:15pm. [Click here to register.](#)

Itinerary:

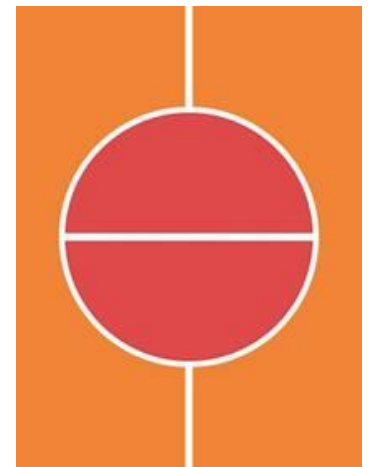
12:00 - Welcome from Professor Stevie Bell, Head of McLaughlin College

12:10 - Dean's report on college revisioning from JJ McMurtry, LA&PS Dean, and Michele Johnson, Associate Dean Students

12:25 - College Staffing updates, Karlene Case, Manager Student Engagement
LA&PS Colleges

12:30 - Open forum for idea exchange facilitated by Professor Stevie Bell

Unable to attend? If you're unable to attend the event and have ideas to contribute, please use [this form](#) to share them with the College Head. Your contributions are anonymous unless you choose to share your contact information. Thanks for getting involved!



Learning Skills February 2023 Services

We offer online and in-person workshops to help you learn all the skills you need to achieve your academic goals.

- **WORKSHOPS:** Our [February workshop calendar](#) includes a mix of online and in-person options. Students from all years of study and all programs are welcome.
 - The list of workshops can be found in our [online events calendar](#).
 - We also have a [.pdf version of our calendar](#) with only our services listed available.
- **LEARNING COMMONS WELCOME DESK:** Students are invited to drop-by the [Welcome Desk](#) to speak with one of friendly Learning Skills Peers. Please see our [online calendar](#) for specific in-person hours (Tues. – Thurs.).
- **ONLINE RESOURCES:** We invite you to review [asynchronous materials](#) (tips, videos, worksheets, etc.) available to students on all our workshop topics.

Our workshops are open to York University students from all programs and years and are designed to help you learn how to manage your time, study and learn more effectively, keep up with readings and course work, get the most out of your studies.

Please also remember to take advantage of [Peer Assisted Study Sessions \(PASS\)](#) available for select courses and the [SNACK numeracy support centre](#). SNACK provides support to students in **LA&PS courses that involve math, stats and Excel**. Throughout the term, we encourage you to [speak with our Peer Tutors via Zoom](#), take advantage of our [numeracy resources](#) and attend our math workshops.

Paid Internship Placements with the Ontario Ministry of Finance

The [one-year paid internship placements](#) available with the Ontario Ministry of Finance provide recent post-secondary graduates a chance to gain direct work experience in policy, human resources, finance, service delivery and much more, in an inclusive, diverse, dynamic public sector environment.

In addition to being part of an organization that supports government policy and decision-making, successful internship candidates will benefit from mentorship with experienced leaders, flexible work arrangements with opportunities to work both from the office and remotely, and access to additional learning and development strategies for staff at all levels.

Eligibility requirements for the 2022/23 year:

- Candidates must have graduated from a post-secondary institution or will complete the requirements to graduate between May 2021 and August 2023
- Extended eligibility of five years after graduation for those who self-identify as Black, Indigenous or a person with a disability
- Candidates must be legally entitled to work in Canada and living in Ontario during the term of employment

Timeline:

- Application deadline: February 21, 2023
- Internships begin immediately, June and September 2023 for a one-year duration

How to apply:

- Prospective candidates can apply today through this link to the [OPS e-careers website](#), which is also accessible using the QR code on the attached posters.

Questions? Attend virtual information sessions taking place soon:

- [Feb 8th 9:30am-10:00 am via Microsoft Teams](#)
- [Feb 16th 11:30am – 12:00 pm via Microsoft Teams](#)

You can also direct any questions regarding the program to efua.emil2@ontario.ca

Odessa Essay Prize

\$1000 Undergraduate Essay Prize for the Study of Canada

The [\\$1000.00 Odessa Prize](#) is awarded for the best essay written in English or French in an undergraduate, fourth-year course on a topic relevant to the **study of Canada**.

2022-23 Submission Process:

Faculty members are invited to submit one essay with:

- a short covering letter or email explaining the context in which the work was written
- a copy of the essay
- the nominee's York Student number and email address

Please submit electronically to robarts@yorku.ca

Submission deadline for the 2022-23 academic year is Friday May 5, 2023

Submissions will be adjudicated by a committee formed by the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, and the prize winner will be announced in June 2023. The winner of the Odessa Prize will also be nominated for the Best Canadian Studies Undergraduate Essay/Thesis prize of the Canadian Studies Network – Réseau d'études canadiennes (<https://www.csn-rec.ca/>)

For further information, visit <https://www.yorku.ca/research/robarts/odessa-prize/> and contact: Laura Taman (robarts@yorku.ca)

Student Opportunities:

University of Toronto Policython!

Calling on all grads and undergrads – check this out! March 9th – 12th, Toronto.

With support from St. Michael's College and the Munk School of Global Affairs, **we are excited to hold the third-ever Canadian Policython, this year fulfilling our longtime goal to welcome non-U of T university students from York University, Toronto Metropolitan, and McMaster.** We invite students from your university to critically engage with policy, receive feedback from policy experts, and compete with like-minded peers from across Ontario.

Fit Professional Experience Programs – York Centre of Asian Research

Free to qualified students (aged 18–25) who identify as Asian!

Fit programs are short online programs for currently enrolled university undergrads and college students that supplement their academic courses. Each sector-specific program is designed to bridge from theory to practice by featuring a hands-on realistic project guided by a mentor from a major Fortune 500 organization:

- Developing Wealth Management Solutions Strategy for Gen Z | w/ RBC mentor Kikeloye Oyerinde | **Deadline: 7 March 2023**
- Digital Transformation – The Road to Future-Ready Organizations | w/ IBM mentor Utkarsh Pandey | **Deadline: 19 March 2023**

Space is limited, so [choose your Career](#) | [Fit program and apply today!](#)

Work or Volunteer at Congress 2023!

Gain valuable experience and meet new people!

The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences is recruiting **180 paid short-term on-site and remote contract workers** to support the delivery of the 2023 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at York University from May 27 to June 2.

To view the full job descriptions and to apply, [visit the Congress 2023 website](#). **Applications accepted until February 24, 2023.**

New Student Award Valued at \$4,500! The YusApuY Undergraduate Research Award at the GLRC

The Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC) and the York University Staff Association – Association du Personnel de L'Université York (YusApuY) are **seeking research proposals related to work and labour** from undergraduate students enrolled full-time (major or minor) in a Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) program at York University. The award, which is valued at **\$4,500**, will be used to support the research project of one undergraduate student who will work independently over the course of five months, from April 2023 to August 2023. The award recipient will receive mentorship from the GLRC, while engaging in professional development activities with YusApuY, to develop their skills as a researcher.

Applicants must be third- or fourth-year students enrolled part-time or full-time (major or minor) in the Faculty of LA&PS at York University. Students who are graduating in June 2023 are eligible. Applicants must be engaged in, or interested in engaging in, research related to critical issues concerning work, employment, and/or labour.

The deadline for applications is February 27, 2023, at 11:59 pm ET. Please find the full call [on our website](#). If you have questions, please contact us at glrc@yorku.ca.

[Junior Officer, Ontario Region, Strategy and Innovation Policy Sector - Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada](#)

The department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) is **looking for one student at the graduate level** to join the Strategy and Innovation Policy Sector's Ontario Regional Office for the summer term. This position is located in Toronto, Ontario. While the role of the Junior Officer is intentionally developmental, the position brings mutual benefit to both the successful candidate and ISED. We are seeking a creative, keen, and highly motivated individual. You are able to work independently and as a team player within a small and dynamic team. You also demonstrate professionalism, a commitment to excellence, and the ability to be adaptable in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment where you must balance multiple competing priorities.

Conference Opportunities:

[Emerging Municipal Leaders Forum at the 2023 Good Roads Conference](#)

Sun, 16 April 2023, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT, Fairmont Royal York Hotel 100 Front Street West

In this session, as part of the [2023 Good Roads Conference](#), students will have the opportunity to speak directly with municipal professionals about the important work they do every day. Panelists will share their thoughts and experiences with students interested in this type of career.

Those in attendance will learn: Why they should consider a career in municipal government; The type of knowledge, skills, abilities/competencies, or qualifications required to work for their municipality; What it takes to succeed; Opportunities for growth; How the industry is evolving; and What to expect in this line of work. The panel discussion will be followed by a networking session, and then by a catered reception. Students will have the opportunity to speak directly to those working in municipal government. Student attendees get a special reduced rate to our conference (around \$50 instead of \$800) and those who register will also be granted access to all Good Roads Conference sessions throughout the week. (Our early program is [available here](#).)

[18th Annual IPAC Leadership Summit – Ambiguity meet clarity: How to Lead a Successful Transformation](#)

Virtual conference on March 2, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST

IPACs National Leadership Conference aims to provide leaders, practitioners, and academics working in public sector environments with the opportunity to connect with leading experts who successfully tackled disruption and change. **Public sector organizations are becoming more digitally advanced and customer-centric, so transformation is on the leadership agenda.** But transformation is not easy – it requires careful planning, strong stakeholder alignment, fit-for-purpose governance, and a suitable transformation lead. Drawing on their experience leading successful – and not-so-successful – transformations, our panelists will explore what skills they want in a transformation lead, how a leader's focus should change across a transformation, when leaders should lean in or step back and who they should rely on when things go wrong.

Senior Policy Analyst - Ontario Chamber of Commerce

The Senior Policy Analyst will be responsible for covering a range of policy issues, with opportunities to lead major files like workforce development, industrial policy, technology and innovation. The ideal candidate for the position will have an advanced understanding of Ontario's policy/ political landscape and business environment. They will be to support and lead the work of the OCC's policy councils, author reports/briefs, organize events, and engage in proposal writing, research, analysis, stakeholder consultations, project management, and public facing presentations.

Lead, Government Relations and Policy - Children's Aid Foundation of Canada

The Lead, Government Relations and Policy will play a pivotal role in supporting the development of the Foundation's government relations strategy and public policy priorities as it pertains to their Journey to Zero program. As a key component of the Foundation's five-year strategic plan and the Journey to Zero deliverables, the Lead, Government Relations and Policy will work to advance and improve public policies for early intervention with the children, youth and families that are involved in the child welfare system. This will be accomplished through government relations activities with policy makers, key decision makers, bureaucrats and elected officials at the provincial and federal level.

Director, Transportation - Pollution Probe

Working directly with the Sr. Director Policy and reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, as Director, Transportation you will lead the development, planning and delivery of a variety of clean transportation projects from concept development through to reporting and evaluation. The Director, Transportation is responsible for setting the strategic priorities for the transportation program based on sound policy analyses, contribute to outreach and engagement efforts, and ensure all projects are completed on time, on budget and of the expected quality.

Director, Government Relations - Parkinson Canada

The Director, Government Relations is responsible for positioning Parkinson Canada as an organization for positive change for people living with Parkinson's through government relations and strategic partnerships. The Director, Government Relations will lead Parkinson Canada's government relations and advocacy portfolio. The Director, Government Relations will lead the development and implementation of a comprehensive advocacy framework that positions Parkinson Canada as a philanthropic and community leader on significant public policy matters and raise its profile among key audiences and within the community.

Government Relations Consultant - Toronto Hydro

Government Relations Consultant will lead and executes policy and issues management activities in support of strategic corporate objectives with a range of municipal stakeholders. Working closely with senior management. You will generate analysis and advice in response to emerging issues, identify and resolve risks in a coordinated fashion with other business units, and pursue advocacy on sensitive matters.

Director, Policy, Planning and Project Management Division – Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Reporting to the Director General, IMTD and Chief Information Officer, you will provide leadership for complex organizational-wide initiatives to ensure they align with CNSC's objectives. As the organization is embarks on a major digital transformation, you will play a key leadership role in supporting the transformation through the delivery of program and project management services, including leading the organizational change management for digital transformation. This includes the strategic planning, organizing, and the delivery of several cross-functional and enterprise-wide programs.

Board of Directors opportunity - Canadian Black Policy Network

The CBPN exists to provide collaborative and innovative spaces and events to enhance the engagement of Canada's Black communities in the public policy process and to support the exploration of public policy impact on those communities, with interested Black groups and allies. The CBPN is looking for professionals from diverse backgrounds to become a part of its inaugural Board of Directors. The CBPN is encouraging dedicated community-minded Individuals from Black/African heritage from across Canada to apply. A time commitment of a minimum of 8 hours per month can be anticipated.

Women's Rights Policy and Advocacy Specialist - Oxfam Canada

Reporting to the Manager of Policy, the Women's Rights Policy & Advocacy Specialist is responsible for developing policy and advocacy strategies in support of raising Oxfam Canada's recognition as a thought leader on issues related to poverty, gender justice and inequality, both in Canada and globally. The focus of this position will be on Oxfam Canada's work on business and human rights. The Women's Rights Policy & Advocacy Specialist will work with Oxfam stakeholders -- supporters, partner organizations and allies, as well as communications, campaigns, and long term development and humanitarian assistance staff, to develop initiatives that advance Oxfam policy in Canada and as part of the global policy and advocacy work of Oxfam International.

Sr. Strategic Policy Advisor - Ontario College of Pharmacists

The Senior Strategic Policy Advisor is responsible for leading complex strategic initiatives and projects, managing complex policy portfolios, providing senior-level counsel and guidance to other members of the policy department, and advising the Management and Leadership teams on legislative and regulation changes related to the practice of pharmacy in Ontario. Reporting to the Manager, Strategic Policy & Analytics, the Senior Strategic Policy Advisor will lead large-scale policy changes and/or strategic initiatives for the College.

Policy Advisor, Power & Nuclear - TC Energy

Reporting to the Director, Public Policy, the Policy Advisor performs analysis of public policy and business processes in the power sector and overall electricity markets to enable the business to function more effectively; monitors and analyzes emerging community and governmental issues, approaches and methodologies impacting TCs power business, including nuclear, and provides input into the development of corporate policies; and builds support and internal alignment on trilateral and international strategy.

Analyst - Council of Ministers of Education, Canada

The Bilingual Analyst, International, works on the management of the international education brand, in collaboration with Global Affairs Canada (GAC). In particular, the Analyst is responsible for the administration of the EduCanada brand and for ensuring it is allocated to eligible educational institutions and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) across the country. The successful candidate will provide and monitor monthly brand-training webinars; manage databases, e-platforms, and contractual licensing agreements; and provide support to relevant committee meetings.

Director, Government Relations and Industry Affairs - Canada Life

The Director, Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs is responsible for managing a portfolio of active files and pro-active public policy development within various business channels. Reporting to the VP, Industry Affairs and Government Relations, the incumbent supports the development and implementation of government relations strategies.

[Senior Economist - Ministry of Finance](#)

If you'd like an opportunity to learn about the machinery of Government and flex your fiscal policy, project management and coordination muscles, this is the opportunity for you! The Stakeholder and Policy Support Branch provides critical advice and coordination on strategic policy files and contributes to the development of government documents and key processes such as the Ontario Economic Outlook Fiscal Review and the Ontario Budget. The branch also oversees key stakeholder relationships, with a specific focus on the Financial Accountability Office and the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario. The office works with key partners in the Ministry of Finance, Treasury Board Secretariat, and line ministries. Please reach out to Jas Goraya at jas.goraya@ontario.ca to learn more!

[Policy Analyst – City of Richmond Hill](#)

Reporting to the Deputy Mayor, City of Richmond Hill, the Policy Analyst will provide policy research and analysis to support the development and implementation of strategic activities and projects by undertaking activities such as conducting research and analysis of policy issues impacting local governments, including but not limited to fiscal/budget, public transit, human and social services, environmental sustainability, climate change, energy, water, and wastewater, parklands, recreation, and community engagement and preparing briefing notes or infographic sheets on selected topics upon request.

[Budget and Operations Analyst - City of Toronto](#)

Reporting to the Director, Policy Planning & Outreach (PPO) Section of the Solid Waste Management Services Division, the Budget and Operations Analyst will compile and analyze PPO's budget information to support the preparation, review, analysis, forecasting, implementation and monitoring of budgets and financial reports. For PPO, this specifically also includes directly supporting the various business units.

[Laboratory Technical Officer – Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#)

The CNSC is looking for an early to mid-career laboratory professional to prepare incoming samples for analysis and perform sample measurements, assist in performing QC/QA checks and calibration of analytical instruments, as well as carry out routine maintenance, assist Laboratory Analysts with new method development, validation and documenting procedures and help train CNSC staff in proper environmental sampling protocols and prepare sample kits and supplies for CNSC inspectors.

[Project Engineer/Officer - Nuclear Waste Management Organization](#)

Reporting to the Project Manager, the incumbent will provide project management expertise and guidance and be responsible for the coordination of the technical aspects of their assigned projects. Working in a matrix organization, the incumbent will plan, schedule, predict and manage their assigned projects to assure all projects outputs are aligned with quality requirements from start to finish.

[Senior Project Consultant - Ministry of the Solicitor General](#)

As a Senior Project Consultant, you will provide project management expertise and overall strategic direction in the design, development and implementation of new projects using the Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) public/private partnership model, in order to achieve the government's public safety agenda.



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